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Washington's Workforce Development Councils recently achieved a significant milestone when they exceeded Workforce Investment Act performance goals for the 2011-12 program year by an average of 14 percent. We honored and recognized this achievement at the September 26 Workforce Board meeting in Olympia. We wanted to let you know about this outstanding performance.

To exceed an average 100 percent across all state and federal measures is praiseworthy. But to have every one of Washington's Workforce Development Councils accomplish this feat is truly remarkable. This was accomplished during a time when there was high demand for services and funding was scarce. Even under those conditions, Washington's workforce development system exceeded federal and state targets by a significant margin.

To give you a national perspective, Washington's performance on the six federal measures averaged 108 percent of the national average across 50 states and three territories. The performance targets negotiated with the U.S. Department of Labor for Washington were slightly higher than the national average because of Washington's higher than average performance in prior years. Even with this higher standard, Washington achieved 115 percent of those target levels, compared to the average achievement among all states and territories of 110 percent.

Every day, Washington's Workforce Development Councils help people in communities throughout the state get the training they need to succeed, while ensuring employers have the skilled workforce they require to stay competitive. Please join us in congratulating Workforce Development Councils and their staff, board members, and the organizations they each represent, on a job well done.

As always, we at the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board remain committed to working with you in our shared goal of creating a world class workforce here in Washington.

Sincerely,

Cindy Zehnder
Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board Chair